

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Served by The Blessed Sacrament Congregation
Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

28th Sunday—October 11, 2020

Masses Sat. 4:00 pm, Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30
Sun. 8:30 Vietnamese—Livestream Sat. 4 pm Mass

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14.
Monday	Gal 4:22-27, 31—5:1; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Saint Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Saints Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Sanctuary Candle: John Wolosin+ John & Cathy, Parents

Sunday	October 11, 2020
7:30am	Edgar A Reigh+ (Margaret & Ray)
8:30am	Faith, Hope & Courage Intentions
10:00am	Parish Family
11:30am	Joan Comfer+ (Waldhauser Family)
Monday	October 12, 2020
8:30am	Blessed Sacrament Congregation
Tuesday	October 13, 2020
8:30am	Ivonne Hernandez (Laura Worhacz)
Wednesday	October 14, 2020
8:30am	Edward & Mary Anne Wood+ (Wood Fm)
Thursday	October 15, 2020
8:30am	Clarence Randell (Gloria, wife)
Friday	October 16, 2020
8:30am	Souls in Purgatory (Thomas Family)
Saturday	October 17, 2020
8:30am	Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00pm	Tom McCarroll+ (Anita McMahon)



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Hymn: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

Verse:

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Presentation Hymn: Taste and See

Refrain:

Taste and see, O taste and see,
taste and see the goodness of God.

Verse:

Glory, glory to God most high
glory, blessing and praise.
With one voice, O people, rejoice in our God,
who hears the cry of all in need. (to Refrain)

Communion Hymn: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain:

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verse:

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Sending Forth Hymn: Psalm 23

Refrain:

God alone may lead my Spirit far away from want and fear,
for the Lord is my true shepherd and I know the Lord is near.

Verse:

I am led beside God's peaceful water
and I sleep in the arms of the earth.
Who guides me along paths of honor?
Who refreshes my life from birth? (to Refrain)



The courage to give ourselves to God

"Many are invited, but few are chosen." – Matt. 22:14

Have you ever been invited to an event, but just didn't

feel like going? Maybe you had better things to do, a busy schedule, or some other business that needed your attention. Then, maybe you heard about the event after the fact and how great it was and wished that you had attended.

The Gospel reading for this weekend finds Jesus once again sharing a parable with the chief priests and elders that involves a wedding feast. A king gives his son a wedding feast and invites the special guests, but they refused to come. He invites them again, sharing about all that he'd prepared and what would be there, but again they found excuses not to be there. Some, in fact, even mistreated and killed those who delivered the message. The king was so enraged that he in turn destroyed the murderers and burned their city. Then the king invited others around town, really anyone who wanted to come, such that the hall was then filled. But one man was there who was not properly dressed. The king called him out, and the servants cast him into the darkness.

In this parable, the King is God, and His son is Jesus. The first set of invitees are the Jews, the chosen ones, who refused to attend. The second group are the Gentiles and those from all walks of life, willing to accept God's invitation. But who is the man who came but was not dressed properly? Maybe it was a believer, but who was living a sinful life. He answered the call, but didn't want to put on the garment of charity, joy, hope, love and kindness. Perhaps the garment he wore was his attachment to selfish pride, greed, anger, gluttony, and many other faults that can cause us to be separated from God. He had the desire to be at the feast, but wasn't prepared due to his weakness.

Our Lord invites all to come to the heavenly banquet. Do you want to accept His invitation, and if so, are you willing to change your life, amend your ways, and live the life that God has created and called you to live? It's easy to say yes, but harder to fully commit and follow through. It takes courage to give ourselves to the Lord. Pray for that courage to say yes and to go all in today.

Bishop Gregory Parkes

Parish Giving

Parish Mass Offering October 4, 2020

Sunday Offertory—\$5,531.50—Mass Count 437

Last year Offertory—\$5,485.50—Mass Count 667

Online Giving \$1,826.67, / Candle Money \$99./Needy \$15.

Debt Reduction \$776.00

A good number of parishioners are following the Mass on Facebook streaming the Sat. 4:00 Mass and available Sunday.

Thank you for keeping your eye on this page. We are here for you. The work of the parish continues, so call or stop in 9:00 to 2:00.

Visit www.svdpfl.com to sign up for online giving!

Consider coming to weekday Mass at 8:30 to receive Holy Communion or spend some quiet time in prayer. Open from 8 am to 8 pm.



If you miss the opportunity to witness to the protection of the unborn there is still time to offer public witness of your concerns for protecting

the child waiting to be born. Please sign the list in the back of church to make your commitment. Join Joan Milloy in her witness to the value of every human life. She is chaired our Social Concerns/Respect Life committee. Our parish supports all efforts to preserve life daily and especially during the **annual 40 Days for Life campaign**. You are encouraged to sign up and pray outside the abortion clinic on HWY 19 in

Clearwater. **on October 20th**, please sign-up for an hour of prayer at the clinic **name on the sheet or contacting Joan:**

jmilloy@tampabay.rr.com. All who gather to pray during 40 Days for Life meet on the sidewalk of this Address: 28960 US -19 STE 110, Clearwater, FL 33761. Hope to see you stand in prayer with us.



THE JOURNEY . . . A WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR EXPERIENCE OF JESUS

This week and next week our parish will provide everyone an opportunity to sign up for **The Journey**, a six-week process of sharing, prayer, and reflection that can help everyone—active parishioner or not—grow in faith.

The Journey brings us into contact with those who knew and encountered Jesus; through videos and sharing, their experience becomes real in our day . . . in our personal lives . . . in our relationships with God and others.

Everyone is talking about a personal experience of Jesus . . . especially Pope Francis! **Sign up and see what it is all about!**

Finance Corner

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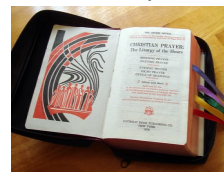
This past week we paid bills including: Payroll \$6,209.75, Copier Lease \$299.02, Required Annual Audit \$1,200, RCIA Materials \$223.25, Diocesan Collections \$101, Garbage Removal \$167.10, Postage and Meter \$157, Gift Shop Supplies \$30 & Needy \$660.

Thank you for your support to the diocese by giving to the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Our goal is \$89,275 this year and we have pledges of \$69,607. Of the pledges, \$59,934.16 have been paid. We have 607 families of which 218 have made pledges, with the average pledge being \$319.30.

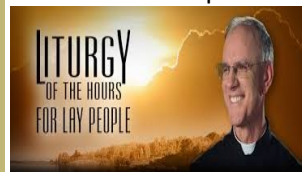
You enable us to continue the ministry of the parish. The offertory this week was a bit high than last years. We thank all those who cannot make it to church as yet but still send your contributions to help us to meet our expenses. Thank you and God Bless you!

Learn to Pray the Liturgy of the Hours:

Join us this Thursday, Oct. 15 at 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Media Room. Enrich your prayer life on this Journey to Holiness with the Divine Office Prayer of the Church. Learn the origin of this historical prayer of



150 Psalms. Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. guides us in how to receive spiritually the most from our prayer with Jesus to the Father. Five DVD episodes with additional in-



structions for praying the Hours. Guided by the Holy Spirit the Church prays in a continuous way to the Father offering praise and glory.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020, 3 P.M.

Event will be livestreamed on columbuscatholic.org and available for later viewing on the Diocese's YouTube channel.

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Office of the Bishop: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18th this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission. In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis implores us — “In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here I am, send me” (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: ‘Whom shall I send?’ This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis.”

The Holy Father reminds us that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission — especially at this time — to bring Christ’s love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father’s own Missionary. He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to “step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor.” What will your answer be? “Here I Am, Send Me” is the response we will all endeavor to live out through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the WMS collection.

This year’s COVID crisis created setbacks for our nation, but it presented far greater hardships for our brothers and sisters in poor mission countries. This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all of us in this diocese to respond in the most generous way possible. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love on World Mission Sunday. Gratefully in the Lord, Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes Bishop of St. Petersburg

34th Annual Statewide Respect Life Conference

The annual Florida Culture of Life Conference, formerly known as the state Respect Life Conference, keeps with



Church teaching that all human life has dignity and is to be protected. This year's conference will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual conference promises to be an informative and uplifting event with speakers on a variety of life topics, including the unborn, theology of the body, end of life, and the death penalty.

The Conference is jointly sponsored by the State Pro-Life Coordinating Committee and the Florida Catholic Conference and is hosted annually by one of the seven dioceses in Florida. All ministry leaders, parishioners and community members who seek to become more effective witnesses to the culture of life are invited to this special event. Advanced pre-paid registration is required. Contact: Deanna Herbst, dherbst@ccdpb.org.

Phone # 561-360-3330.

Election Season Reminder

During this very active election season, please pray for our nation, candidates and electorate. Help promote peaceful civility in these times of unrest. The Church is prohibited from promoting or endorsing any candidate or political party and parishioners are asked to avoid active campaigning while on church property. Our country was founded on principles of freedom, and while we may have differences of opinion, we should respect everyone’s right to free speech and recognize the dignity of each person made in the image and likeness of God. As a Church, we will do our best to inform consciences on issues important to society and the common good, and then hope and pray that people will make informed decisions accordingly.

For guidance on how to become better informed, please go to the 2020 Candidate Questionnaire Project, from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.flaccb.org. The guide includes responses of candidates to a recent questionnaire. Remember: An informed voter is a responsible voter!

Sunday—11th

Faith Formation Class 11 am
Youth Group 12:30 p.m.

Monday—12th

Share the Word 10 am
Divine Mercy Prayer 1 pm
Divine Will 3 pm
KofC Officer Meeting 6 pm
Kof C 4th Degree 7 pm

Tuesday - 13th

Our Lady’s Guild Mtg. 11 am

Wednesday—14th

Arts and Crafts 9:30 am
Respect Life/Social Concern.
9:30 am

Live the Gospel of *Life*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and neighborhoods. While many pregnancy resources are appropriately coordinated at the diocesan or regional level, moms in need are best reached at the local level. Each parish is best able to identify the local pregnancy help resources that are currently available and to identify the potential gaps.

As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes are called to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." The 25th anniversary of The Gospel of Life gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand and communicate the resources to pregnant moms and families in need. Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service officially commences March 25, 2020. I encourage each of you to help your parish implement this initiative. I also urge you to inquire with your local pregnancy resource center how you can help. Lives that we may not currently be able to protect by the law, we can rescue through love.

Our goal is not only to identify gaps or areas with insufficient resources, but then to take concrete steps to expand the help available to mothers, not only during the pregnancy but for months and even years after the child's birth. We want to do everything possible to help both mother and child, not only survive but thrive.

Mary provides us the perfect example as she travels a long distance over difficult terrain to accompany Elizabeth during the final months of her pregnancy. Each one of us can do something to help women in our communities who have given their Fiat by welcoming the child in their womb. Walking with Moms in Need is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

Elections Resources for Faithful Citizenship

In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops aims to educate and inform Catholics and provide resources to assist the faithful with their responsibility to participate in political life. To help inform voters before casting their ballots, several resources are available at www.flaccb.org, including an Election and Political Activities Guide, responses to the Candidate Questionnaire Project, and the Presidential Candidate Comparison on issues of importance to Catholics.

How to Prepare for Election Season

Giving public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in the political process. As Americans, we have a serious moral obligation to vote. To help Catholics prepare for election season, Bishop Gregory Parkes has created a one minute video on Faithful Citizenship and is providing a variety of resources to help Catholics in their civic duty. Visit <http://www.dosp.org/faithful-citizenship-resources/> for more information.

For I was...in prison and you visited me." (Mt 25:35, 36)
The Catholic Church in Florida aims to live out this corporal work of mercy with hundreds of volunteers involved in ministries to the incarcerated throughout the state.

Due to the COVID pandemic, volunteers have largely been unable to visit the imprisoned since mid-March. As of August 12, the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) reports 12,988 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 and 70 inmates have died due to the coronavirus. 1,866 DOC staff members, including Secretary Mark Inch and Deputy Secretary Ricky Dixon, have also tested positive. We invite you to pray this [COVID-19 prayer of solidarity](#) for all of them.

With visits suspended, there are other ways to support those who are incarcerated and the ministries that serve them. To find out more, please contact your local diocesan Jail and Prison Ministry office.

Thursday—15th

Liturgy of the Hours 9:15 am
SVdP Society Food Pantry 1 pm
Contemplative Prayer 4 pm

Friday—16th

KofC Coffee Social 8 am

Saturday - 17th

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm

Sunday—18th

Faith Formation Class 11 am

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights will have their monthly General Meeting on Monday October 19, 2020 at 7:00pm. Friday night dinners will return to Father Farrell Hall on October 23. from 4:30 to 6:30. All the Knights are welcome and encouraged to come. Face masks will be worn and social distancing held.



The Ladies Auxiliary will have their monthly card party on Monday, October 26, from 11 to 3pm in Father Farrell Hall. There will be a hot lunch served at noon for your enjoyment. The cost for the card party is \$7.00. There will be social distancing and face mask worn for your safety.

The next monthly meeting is on Monday, October 19th, at 7:00pm, in Father Farrell Hall. Ladies if you would like to come and see what we do and how we go about doing things with the Knights, you are more than welcome to come and join us. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be in effect.

Family Faith Formation *Matthew 22:1-14*



God's gracious invitations to people have always ruffled the feathers of those who would

rather have picked their own company, especially when it comes to dining. We dine, after all, with our families -- at least once in a while. When we party, we look forward to an evening with friends. We might even resent the people at another table in a restaurant who are not at all like us.

But when God throws a party, all the people we would not necessarily choose will be there, too. It might even happen here and now at the table of the Lord when we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Sharing the table is a given -- a God-given, actually. It's the consequence of having a God whose love is much larger than ours and whose banquet table is built to match.



Please remember in your prayers those who are homebound, in nursing homes, hospitals, or with failing health. Notify the parish office if they would like a visit from our priests for anointing or to receive Holy Communion while unable to attend Mass..

Youth Ministry News! Youth Activity Gathering



Our primary concern for our families is to have a safe and enjoyable place for our youth gather. We observe the requirement of social distancing, refraining from touching and wearing a face covering. There are still many ways to have fun and enjoy friendships.

Sunday, October 11th at 12:30—2:30
Pray Together Play Together

JOIN our S.V.de P. Society Wish List This Week: As the food pantry remains open during this time we need: stew, chili and peanut butter.

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."



To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

We are in need of both cash donations and food. Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Society and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the office.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

World Mission Sunday OCTOBER 18, 2020

We and our parish families are people of fortitude and strength. We can meet this challenge to give support on World Mission Sunday (WMS), October 17-18. Giving to the Pope's missions through the World Mission Sunday (WMS) collection will help to provide more than 1,100 mission dioceses with the prayerful, financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and help to the poor and most vulnerable communities around the world.



Our Lady's Guild wishes the Parish good health and safety. Everyone is welcome to join us in our goal to create fellowship with all women and men and to raise funds for our Parish. Membership is \$5. All are welcome! We meet the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 from 11:30 to 2:00. With no Rummage Sale in October, we instead are going to celebrate all of the women and men of the Guild who have worked the Rummage Sales with dedication and love at this meeting. We thank all who have worked so hard through the years!

To replace the Rummage Sale we are planning a Thanksgiving Raffle in November. To help us with this raffle, please donate Thanksgiving themed items in the Our Lady's Guild donation bin located in the Social Hall. It can be napkins, candles, cans of cranberries, bags of stuffing or anything related to Thanksgiving. There will be a Publix Gift card in each basket. Stay posted for further announcements in Flocknote and the weekly bulletins.

There will be a **Card Party** on Wednesday, October 21 in Father Farrell Hall from 11 to 3. Chicken Spaghetti, salad and dessert is on the menu. Tickets are \$7 and there is a 50/50 raffle and door prize. Come join the fun!

Arts and Crafts group meets every Wednesday in the Media Room of the Education Building or in the Hall from 9:30 to 11:30. Join us as we make Christmas Crafts to sell

at the Arts and Crafts Sale in December and at the St. Nick Shop.

Rosary Makers is another ministry of Our Lady's Guild. Their first meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 4**, from 1:00 to 2:30 in the education building. Rosary making is fun and easy and over 6,000 have been made and sent all over the world! If you have any questions about Our Lady's Guild, please call Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730. God bless you and stay safe!

Protecting Our Families Against Pornography-Winning the Battle is a free, one-hour, live webinar designed to help pastors, youth ministers, and parents find victory over pornography for teens and young adults. It is scheduled for

Tuesday, November 10, from

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Helping families protect themselves from the evils of pornography is one of our diocesan missions, which is why we conduct *Safe Haven Sunday* each year.

The Religious Alliance Against Pornography, is offering this Webinar as a means to provide solutions to overcoming the threat posed by pornography to families and marriages. Share the information about this webinar with other parents & parishioners, so that they can also participate.

To register, visit www.dosp.org/freedom-from-porn.

